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(54) **Analysis of a dielectric medium**

(57) A method of dealing with the electrode polarization error when analyzing a dielectric test medium is achieved by firstly applying an excitation current to the test medium at a test frequency, by means of a first electric couple (23, 24) comprising excitation electrodes (23, 24). Next the voltage across the excitation electrode couple (23, 24) is measured and the voltage across a second

couple of electrodes (25, 26) is also measured. The measured voltages across the first and second electrode couples are compared in order to derive a polarization correction factor which is used to provide a corrective value for the capacitance, or conductivity measurement. The method is suitable for use in industrial on-line applications.

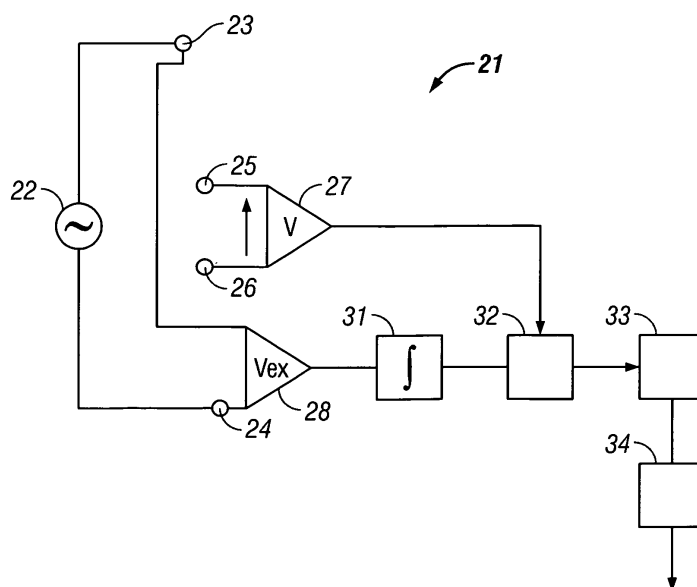


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